



Carter Caves

State Resort Park



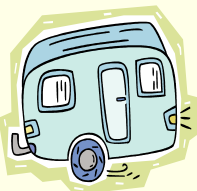
April 20-22, 2012

WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE



Nature enthusiasts step outside and enjoy the natural wonders of Carter Caves on this weekend. The ridges and valleys around the park are known for a large diversity tree species, birds and blooming spring wildflowers. Enjoy guided hikes, van tours, canoe trips and workshops that will get you up close to many of these natural attractions found at Carter Caves. Sign ups for specific field trips will be done at onsite registration on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Camping Will Be Available.



For Camping
Reservations Call
888-459-7275

WORKSHOP PACKAGE

Admission to Saturday morning, afternoon and Sunday morning field trips and to Friday and Saturday evening programs.

\$10 per person

WORKSHOP & LODGING PACKAGE

Admission to all workshop programs Friday night - Sunday morning
Two nights lodging in Lewis Caveland Lodge

\$149.95 +tax **for one adult** (single occupancy room)

\$159.95 + tax **for two adults** (double occupancy Room)



Breakfast - 7:00-10:00

Lunch - 11:30-2:00

Dinner - 5:00-8:00

Call 1-800-325-0059 for information and reservations
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FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2012

Field Trip Registration (6:00-9:00pm) Lobby of Lodge

Friday Night Field Trip 8:00 PM

"NIGHT LIVES OF NATIVE PLANTS" - (Led by Dianne Anestis and Doug Wood) Take a short walk with us as the skies begin to darken. You will get a feel for the woods growing dark and the plants preparing for nightfall as their blooms begin to close. We will touch on plants and ecological roles, especially as they relate to night creatures. During the hike we will test our human senses by interactively participating in touching different tree barks and smelling different leaves. *Meets at the lodge lobby; No transportation required; Limit 20; Distance 1/2 mile.*

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012

Field Trip Registration (8:30 - 9:30am) Lobby of Lodge

Saturday Morning Field Trips 7:30AM

SPRING TIME AND FEATHERED FRIENDS - (Led by Evelyn Morgan & Ron Vanover) Birds are fascinating, intriguing, and exhibit beautiful colors (especially the males). Do you love to watch birds? Do you wish you could identify some of the birds that live near you? If so, this field trip will teach basic identification along with vocal songs and calls. With spring, it brings many migrating warblers to Carter Caves. Join Evelyn Morgan with the U.S. Forest Service and Ron Vanover with the Kentucky Department of Parks for these excursions. It will definitely give you some basic birding techniques that will help you become a better birder. It is suggested you bring your own binoculars, a bird identification book, wear comfortable shoes, quiet clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Not recommended for young children. *Meets in front of the lodge; No transportation required; Limit 15; Distance 1 mile.*

Saturday Morning Field Trips 9:30AM

A TRIP THROUGH HORN HOLLOW - (Led by John Tierney) This 2 mile trek over hilly terrain provides the opportunity to see a profusion of spring wildflowers. This remote area has beautiful streams emerging from caves and the opportunity to see an abundance of wildlife. *Meets at the Welcome Center; Transportation required; Limit 20. Distance 2 miles.*

LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS - (Led by Doug Wood) This workshop will begin indoors and will introduce participants to the basics of landscaping projects using native plants. The indoor session will cover intellectual resources available for planning your project, selecting & assessing a potential landscaping site & researching the plants. The next 2.5 hrs will be a field research hike to check out native plants in a variety of habitats. The terrain will range from easy to moderate. *Meets at the lodge; Transportation required; Limit 15; Distance less than 2 miles.*

NATIVE PLANTS AS 18TH CENTURY FOODS AND MEDICINES - (Led by Dianne Anestis) Learn how to identify plants used by 18thC Indians and settlers as foods and remedies. Emphasis will be given to plants that were native to North America when Indians met Europeans. The terrain will range from easy to moderate. *Meets at the lodge; Transportation required; Limit 15; Distance less than 2 miles.*

VAN WILDFLOWER EXCURSION - (Led by Sam Plummer) This trip is designed to get you to some beautiful areas without much hiking. We will load up in the van at the lodge and head to some choice locations with lots of blooms. You will enjoy seeing many different species of the flowers along the park entrance road, along Tygart Creek and along a beautiful trail taking you to a unique topographical feature known as The Devils Backbone. *Meets at the lodge; No transportation required; Limit 10; Distance 1/2 mile.*

WILDFLOWERS, PLANTS USED BY NATIVE AMERICANS AND PIONEERS, THE GEOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AT CARTER CAVES - (Led by Matt Maley) Follow the Raven,, 3 Bridges, and Rockhouse trails to view the numerous species of Wildflowers that are unique to Eastern KY. Discover which plants were used by Native Americans and Pioneers (Ethnobotany). Travel back in time to review the Geo/Archaeology as we walk above, under and through 16 Archaeological Sites inhabited by the Indians hundreds to thousands of years ago. Along with the 30 or so species of Wildflowers we will see a variety of ferns, mosses, lichens and other plants that make up the Carter Caves forest. *Meets at the Lodge; No transportation required. Limit 15. Distance 1.3 miles.*

Saturday Afternoon Field Trips 1:30PM

A VISIT TO CASCADE - (Led by John Tierney) The Cascade area, best known for its cave, also has a 3/4 mile loop trail that passes some of the most unusual geologic features in the park. Cascade Natural bridge, Box Canyon, and the Wind Tunnel are just some of the names of features that you will see. If there is time, the group may also visit a overlook of the Tygart's Creek Gorge. The trail is steep and rough in places, but is well worth the effort. The group will meet at the Welcome Center and from there, we will motorcade 3 1/2 miles to the area. *Meets at the Welcome Center; Transportation Required; Limit 20. Distance 1.0 mile.*

FOLLOW AN ANCIENT ABORIGINAL PATH IN SEARCH OF WILDFLOWERS AND OTHER PLANTS USED BY NATIVE PEOPLE AND EARLY VISITORS TO THE AREA - (Led by Matt Maley) We will follow an ancient path that tracks along the Cave Branch Creek to discover the many wildflowers and other plants that offer a look back into the history of when Native Peoples and Pioneers traveled through this area. Many of the plants we will see were used for a variety of purposes by the Indians and settlers of this region. We will be passing through an Archaeological Zone which is over 1.5 miles long where the Indians visited and camped to obtain the numerous resources of the area. In addition, we will look into the west (back) entrance to Bat Cave where legend indicates that Indians and Pioneers met and probably camped in what is called the "bedroom" passage or section of the cave. *Meets at lodge lobby; Transportation required; Limit 15, Distance less than 1 mile.*

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SMOKY LAKE CANOE EXCURSION - (Led by Coy Ainsley) This is a leisurely paced canoe trip on the parks 45-acre lake and a short section of Smoky Creek. If we get time we may portage, walk over a swinging bridge with great views of the water cascading over the spillway and take a short walk to the edge of Tygart's Creek. We provide canoes, paddles and life vests. We recommend you bring bottled water, sunscreen, sunglasses or a hat. Participants 15 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must weigh at least 50 pounds to go on the trip. Assistance with loading and unloading the canoes will be required. A one mile drive to the lakefront may be required.

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TREE IDENTIFICATION - (Led by Doug Wood) Tree identification We will be Identifying tree species by leaf shape, tree growth form, bark, & twig characteristics. Also, tree lore will be shared. The terrain will range from easy to difficult. *Meets in lodge lobby; Transportation required; Limit 20, Distance 1 mile.*

Saturday Afternoon Field Trips 4:00PM

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Saturday Night Program 7:00PM

PREHISTORIC USE OF PLANTS BY NATIVE PEOPLE IN EASTERN KENTUCKY - (Led by Matt Maley)

The program will cover a variety of plants, including wildflowers, that were used as food, for hunting, shelter, tools, clothing, bags, footwear, illumination, shelter, dye and ceremonial purposes. An archaeological investigation in Carter County, a short distance west of the Box Canyon at Cascade Cave Park, provided a "window in time" to look at how native people lived and what plants they utilized on a daily basis. Examples of the actual preserved 800-3,000 year old plants are included in the program. Displays will further detail how plants were used hundreds to thousands of years ago in Carter County, In addition, there will be a "hands on" activity to look at many of the fiber plants that were used by Native People in Kentucky. Participants will be able to extract fiber from some plants and prepare cord or rope. *Meets in the Fields Facility of the lodge.*

SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2012

Morning Field Trips 9:30AM

A GEO/ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ETHNOBOTANICAL TRIP THROUGH THE ANCIENT PAST OF CARTER CAVES - (Led by Matt Maley) We will go back to the days when Aboriginal visitors (the Indians) roamed these hills and visit many of the rockshelters where they lived on a seasonal basis. We will see the abundant wildflowers that line the Raven, Rockhouse, and Three Bridges trails and consider the Geology that makes this area somewhat unique. We will stand in the actual places where ancient people stood and marveled at the beauty and serenity of the Neolithic past. The trip will cross over and then under the largest arch in Kentucky where we will see the very unusual water resurgence channel and cave formed by the underground stream. The trip then takes us back to the Lodge where we will see evidence of the Mississippian Era Ocean in the rocks which make up the walls, steps and building facing. (This trip covers some of the area covered during the Saturday morning trip plus additional and different areas) *Meets in lodge lobby; No transportation required; Limit 16; Distance less than 1 mile.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 27-29: Campers Appreciation Weekend

MAY 5: Tygart Creek Regretta Canoe Excursion

JUNE 16: Tygart Gorge and Arches Hike

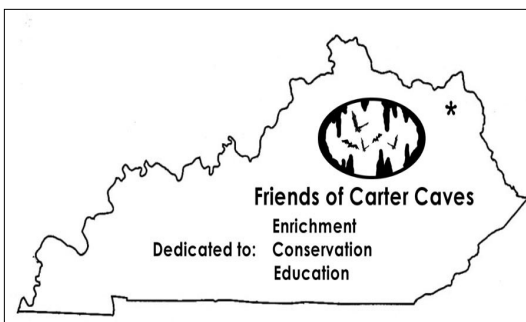
JULY 23-29 Pioneer Life Week

SEPTEMBER 5-8: Fraley Festival of Traditional Music

APRIL 19-21, 2013: Wildflower Weekend

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FRIENDS OF CARTER CAVES

The Friends of Carter Caves was organized in 2009. It is made up of people who share a common bond: a deep interest in Carter Caves State Park and the desire to assist Park management in accomplishing their goals through our funding raising efforts, and through volunteer assistance of our membership to on going projects for which the park has a need. Friends of Carter Caves will meet with the Park manager and his staff on a regular basis to prioritize how our group may best assist the park's goals. We are constantly looking for projects to assist the park and we invite your participation as a member of our group. Consider being a part of this active organization. You can download an application at the official website of the organization at www.friendsofcartercaves.org